

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 23, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 185

Introduced by Assembly Member Jerome Horton

January 27, 2003

An act to add Section 486 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to cooperative agreements.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 185, as amended, Jerome Horton. Food and agriculture: cooperative agreements: ~~employees~~ *inspectors*.

Existing law allows the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with boards of supervisors and other specified entities for specified purposes.

This bill would make findings and declarations about unique pest and disease infestation risk factors in the County of Los Angeles. This bill would prohibit the secretary from entering into a cooperative agreement with ~~any board of supervisors~~ the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County unless the ~~employees~~ agricultural inspectors performing work under the cooperative agreement are afforded protections as permanent employees under the county's personnel system. The bill would prohibit ~~counties~~ that county from subjecting these ~~employees~~ inspectors to periodic layoffs and rehiring if the effect would be to prevent the ~~employees~~ inspectors from attaining the status of permanent employees under the applicable personnel system.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares that the*
2 *County of Los Angeles is unique due to its large size, its*
3 *international airport through which exotic pests from foreign*
4 *countries may arrive, and the mild climate and mobile population*
5 *that increases the year-round potential for pest or disease*
6 *infestations. The Legislature further finds that these*
7 *considerations make the stability of the workforce in Los Angeles*
8 *County operating under cooperative agreements with the*
9 *Department of Food and Agriculture of uniquely critical statewide*
10 *importance, and that Section 2 of this bill will enhance that*
11 *stability greatly.*

12 SEC. 2. Section 486 is added to the Food and Agricultural
13 Code, to read:

14 486. The secretary shall not enter into a cooperative
15 agreement with ~~any board of supervisors unless the employees the~~
16 *Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County unless the*
17 *agricultural inspectors* performing work under the cooperative
18 agreement are afforded protections as permanent employees under
19 the county's civil service or other personnel system. ~~A~~ *The county*
20 *shall not subject these employees inspectors to periodic layoffs*
21 *and rehiring if the effect would be to prevent the employees*
22 *inspectors from attaining the status of permanent employees under*
23 *the applicable civil service or other personnel system.*

